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# **Hearing Aid Compatibility Status Report (FCC Form 655)**

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# **General Report Information**

# **Type of Company**

Service Provider

# **De Minimis Exception**

Did you offer any handsets to subscribers in the United States during the reporting period? Yes

Have you been offering handsets in the United States for at least three years prior to the end of the reporting period? Yes

Date that you began offering handsets in the United States

Are you a small entity? Yes

Were you a small entity at any time during the three years prior to the end of the reporting period?

Date that you ceased to be a small entity?

## **Company Information**

Company Name: Albany Mutual Telephone Association
Brand Names: Albany Mutual Telephone Association

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## Filing Agent

Is this report being filed by an agent on behalf of a manufacturer or service provider? Yes

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## **Product Labeling**

Do all hearing aid-compatible handsets include labeling? Yes

Explain:

Do all hearing aid-compatible handsets that are capable of voice communication over any air interface or frequency band that does not have hearing aid compatibility technical standards under ANSI C63.19-2007 include the required language disclosing that the handset has not been rated for hearing aid compatibility with respect to such operations? Yes

Explain:

Do all hearing aid-compatible handsets that the manufacturer also tested and found not to meet hearing aid compatibility requirements under ANSI C63.19-2011 for one or more operations that are not covered under ANSI C63.19-2007, include language informing users by clear and effective means that the handset does not meet the relevant rating or ratings with respect to such operation(s)?

Yes

Explain:

Do all handsets that are capable of use for Voice over LTE, and that were certified for inductive coupling capability under ANSI C63.19-2011 without being tested for inductive coupling capability over VoLTE, include language disclosing that they were not tested with respect to this operation?

Yes

Explain:

Do all handsets that meet the criteria for an M3 rating by allowing the user to reduce the maximum power for GSM operation in the 1900 MHz band include the required disclosure?

Explain:

#### **Public Website**

Does your company maintain a public website describing all hearing aid-compatible models, the ratings of those models, and an explanation of the rating system? Yes

Website address: http://www.albanytel.com/products/cellular/hearing-aid-compatibility

Explain:

# **Consumer Outreach**

Describe consumer outreach efforts in the past 12 months: Albany Mutual Telephone Association (AMTA) maintains a public website displaying its entire selection of handsets and devices, including those that are HAC-compliant. Sales staff is trained to assist existing and prospective customers in identifying HAC compatible handsets and devices. Existing and prospective customers can typically find whether a handset or device is HAC compliant by either checking the packaging containing the handset or device, or by consulting the packaging insert or operations manual. For more information on HAC, customers are also directed to www.accesswireless.org/Disability-Categories/Hearing.aspx and other public websites dedicated to HAC education.

## **Methodology for Functionality Levels**

AMTA offers HAC compatible handsets and devices in all major price categories, including low-cost and features (C Level, generally less than \$100); moderate cost and features (B Level, generally \$100-\$250) and

High-end/feature-rich (A Level, generally greater than \$250). Costs generally correlate with the number of features, but, if through experience, AMTA finds that a certain handset contains features that work well with hearing aids, such as volume control, it will be labeled accordingly at the high-end, feature rich or A Level for functionality. AMTA's sales staff is trained to assist all existing and prospective customers looking for a HAC-complaint device or handset. HAC compatible handsets and devices vary in their inherent levels of functionality, but typically at least one HAC-compliant handset or device with features and services typical of its price category can be found that meets each customer's price range.

## **Report Remarks**

You have reported the following handset model summary information.

Total number of handsets offered: 18

Air Interface	Fully Hearing Aid Compatible Number Percent		Acoustic Coupling Compatible Only Number Percent		Non-Compliant Handsets Number Percent		Total by Air Interface
CDMA	15	83%	3	17%			18

# **Handset 1: Apple iPhone 4S**

#### **Handset Maker**

Apple

Handset Model Name FCC ID

iPhone 4S BCG-E2430A

# Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 12/14

# **Ratings**

M-Rating: M4

T-Rating: T4

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

## **Functionality Level**

High End/Feature Rich

#### Remarks

# Handset 2: Kyocera G2GO M2000

## **Handset Maker**

Kyocera

Handset Model Name FCC ID

G2GO M2000 OVF-K4801

# Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1700 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 12/14

# **Ratings**

M-Rating: M4

T-Rating: T4

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

## **Functionality Level**

Low-cost

# Remarks

# Handset 3: Kyocera S2300 Torino

## **Handset Maker**

Kyocera

Handset Model Name FCC ID

S2300 Torino OVF-K5302

## Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1700 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 12/14

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

Moderate-cost

## Remarks

# Handset 4: LG Cosmos 3/VN251S

#### **Handset Maker**

LG

Handset Model Name FCC ID

Cosmos 3/VN251S BEJVN251

## Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 03/14 to 12/14

# **Ratings**

M-Rating: M4

T-Rating: T4

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

Moderate Cost

## Remarks

# Handset 5: LG Extravert VN271

## **Handset Maker**

LG

Handset Model Name FCC ID

Extravert VN271 ZNFVN271

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 03/14

# **Ratings**

M-Rating: M4

T-Rating: T4

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

Moderate cost

## Remarks

# Handset 6: LG LG8575 Chocolate

## **Handset Maker**

LG

Handset Model Name FCC ID

LG8575 Chocolate BEJVX8575

# Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 12/14

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

High-end/Feature rich

## Remarks

# Handset 7: LG UX260

## **Handset Maker**

LG

Handset Model Name FCC ID

UX260 BEJLX260

## Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 12/14

# **Ratings**

M-Rating: M3

T-Rating: T3

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

Low-cost

## **Remarks**

# Handset 8: Motorola Droid 6330 Rhyme

#### **Handset Maker**

Motorola

Handset Model Name FCC ID

Droid 6330 Rhyme NM8PI46110

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 07/14 to 12/14

# **Ratings**

M-Rating: M4

T-Rating: T4

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

Moderate cost

## **Remarks**

# Handset 9: Motorola Droid A956

## **Handset Maker**

Motorola

Handset Model Name FCC ID

Droid A956 IHDT56MJ1

# Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 07/14 to 12/14

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

Low cost

## Remarks

# Handset 10: Motorola Droid HTC 6350

#### **Handset Maker**

Motorola

Handset Model Name FCC ID

Droid HTC 6350 NM8PG32100

## Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 12/14

# **Ratings**

M-Rating: M4

T-Rating: T4

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

Moderate cost

## **Remarks**

# Handset 11: Motorola Droid X2

#### **Handset Maker**

Motorola

Handset Model Name FCC ID

Droid X2 IHDT56MJ1

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 03/14 to 03/14

# **Ratings**

M-Rating: M4

T-Rating: T3

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

High end/Feature rich

## Remarks

# Handset 12: Motorola W315

## **Handset Maker**

Motorola

Handset Model Name FCC ID

W315 IHDT56GE1

# Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 12/14

M-Rating: M3

T-Rating:

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

Low-cost

## Remarks

# Handset 13: Research In Motion Limited BlackBerry 8530

## **Handset Maker**

Research In Motion Limited

Handset Model Name FCC ID

BlackBerry 8530 L6ARCZ30CW

## Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1700 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

#### **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 12/14

# **Ratings**

M-Rating: M4

T-Rating: T4

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

High-end/Feature rich

#### Remarks

# Handset 14: Samsung SCH-U380

## **Handset Maker**

Samsung

Handset Model Name FCC ID

SCH-U380 A3LSCHU380

850 MHz CDMA

#### **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 12/14

# **Ratings**

M-Rating: M4

T-Rating:

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

## **Functionality Level**

Moderate cost

## Remarks

# Handset 15: Samsung SCH-U750 Alias2

## **Handset Maker**

Samsung

Handset Model Name FCC ID

SCH-U750 Alias2 A3LSCHU750

# Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 12/14

M-Rating: M4

T-Rating:

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

High-end/Feature rich

## Remarks

# Handset 16: Samsung U365 Gusto 2

## **Handset Maker**

Samsung

Handset Model Name FCC ID

U365 Gusto 2 A3LSCHU365

## Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 12/14

# **Ratings**

M-Rating: M4

T-Rating: T4

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

Low cost

## **Remarks**

# Handset 17: Samsung U660

## **Handset Maker**

Samsung

Handset Model Name FCC ID

U660 A3LSCHU660

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 01/14 to 07/14

# **Ratings**

M-Rating: M4

T-Rating: T4

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

Moderate cost

## Remarks

# Handset 18: Samsung U680 Convoy 3

## **Handset Maker**

Samsung

Handset Model Name FCC ID

U680 Convoy 3 A3LSCHU680

# Air Interfaces/Frequency Bands

850 MHz CDMA 1900 MHz CDMA

## **Dates**

This handset model was offered from: 07/14 to 12/14

Did this handset meet the criteria for an M3 rating for operations over GSM at 1900 MHz by enabling the user optionally to reduce the maximum power at which the handset will operate by no more than 2.5 decibels, except for emergency calls to 911?

# **Functionality Level**

Moderate cost

Remarks

# Certification

# This Report has been certified by:

Kenneth C Johnson Authorized Agent 01/08/2015 05:42 PM